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C O N F I D E N T I A L EC BRUSSELS 4292

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EFIN EAID EEC PO  
SUBJECT: AID TO PORTUGAL

1. GERMAN DCM KITTEL TOLD DCM MORNING OF APRIL 28 THAT IN APRIL 21 COREPER MEETING WHICH CONSIDERED DRAFT EC REPLY TO VANCE LETTER TO U.K. REQUESTING THAT WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES JOIN IN MULTINATIONAL LENDING ARRANGMENT TO PROVIDE MEDIUM-TERM ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL, FRENCH AND GERMANS HAD BEEN OPERATING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS THAT EC REPLY SHOULD FLATLY REJECT EC COUNTRIES' PARTICIPATION IN A MULTILATERAL APPROACH. COREPER MEETING WAS HELD BEFORE U.S. REPRESENTATIONS TO EUROPEAN CAPTIALS PER STATE 88960, MODIFYING ORIGINAL U.S. PROPOSAL. KITTEL, WHO WAS AWARE OF MODIFIED U.S. PROPOSAL, HAD NOT SPOKEN FROM HIS INSTUCTIONS IN THE APRIL 21 COREPER MEETING, RESERVING THE GERMAN POSITION. BRITISH REP HAD PROPOSED A NON-COMMITAL, RATHER THAN NEGATIVE REPLY TO THE U.S., WHICH WOULD, IN EFFECT, SIMPLY RECAPTITUALE EC MEMBER STATE ASSITANCE TO PROTUGAL TO DATE AND, PRESUMABLY, LEAVE OPEN QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION IN A MULTILATERAL EFFORT.

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2. KITTEL, BOTH BECAUSE HE THOUGHT NEW U.S. PROPOSAL SHOULD BE STUDIED, AND BECAUSE HE RECOGNIZED IT WOULD BE DAMAGING FOR EC TO SEND U.S. A NEGATIVE LETTER PRIOR TO MID-MAY MEETING, SAID HE WAS CONSIDERING ASKING BONN FOR NEW INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO NEXT COREPER MEETING (PROBABLY AFTERNOON OF APRIL 28) AT WHICH EC DRAFT REPLY TO U.S. WOULD AGAIN BE CONSIDERED IN

PREPARATION FOR EC COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 3. DCM  
URGED HIM TO DO SO, ACKNOWLEDGING THAT IF EC IS UNABLE  
TO SEND U.S. A POSITIVE LETTER, WE WOULD PREFER  
EITHER A NON-COMMITAL REPLY OR NO REPLY AT ALL PRIOR  
TO THE PRIS MEETING.HINTON

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